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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - PALESTINE, IRAN, AND IRAQ

Block Quotes

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Sunday, March 11, 2007

-- Under the title "Al-Aqsa Mosque" liberal Dr. Yacoub Ahmed  
Al-Sharrah editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai (03/11):

"The simplest of tools that could effectively stop Zionist practices  
are not employed because of our own weakness. We cannot agree on a  
single course of action to fend off the enemies' assaults on our  
rights. This pathetic phenomenon is doubtless the result of the  
rampant weakness of Arab governments and our own disagreements that  
only serve Israeli interests."

-- Under the title "The Axis of Evil and Role Reversal" Mahmoud  
Abdeen inquired in moderate Arabic daily Al-Anbaa (03/11):

"A Western official warned Iran against provoking the United States,  
which he went on to describe as a 'wounded lion' after America's war  
on terrorism and its operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a  
great amount of truth to this description. Otherwise why would  
America not do anything about Iran for this long?"

-- Under the title "Arab Security" liberal Mohammed Musaед Al-Saleh  
penned in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (03/11):

"The Baghdad Security Conference will not succeed if it is confined  
to discussing Iraq's problem and excludes other issues in the Middle  
East. Violence in Iraq is directly tied to American policy. What is  
needed is pressure on Israel to resolve the problems of the  
occupation of Palestine and Syria."

-- Conservative Islamist Faisal Al-Zamil contended in moderate  
Arabic daily Al-Anbaa under the title "Iraq" (03/11):

"We in Kuwait and other Gulf Countries cannot ignore what is going  
on in Iraq. This is not only because of its ramifications there.  
The civil war has already started in Iraq. It has not affected the  
peoples of the Gulf because they know that what is happening in Iraq  
is an external struggle using Iraqi blood."

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